FIFTH SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CANADA, 1846.

ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

(The Figures mark the Sederunts at which the Members were present.)

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	*Sederunts.*	*Elders.*	*Sederunts.*
WILLIAM PROUDFOOT,	1 2 3 4 5		
GEORGE MURRAY, - -	1 2 3 4 5	M. FOLSETTER, (Paris,)	1 2
JAMES SKINNER, - -	1 2 3 4		
ALEXANDER M'KENZIE	1 2 3 4		
JAMES M'FADYEN, - -			

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

THOMAS CHRISTIE, -	1 2 3 4 5	ADAM ELLIOTT, - - -	1 2
JAMES ROY, - - - -	1 2 3 4 5	ROBERT CHRISTIE, - -	1 2 3 4 5
		DAVID CHRISTIE, - -	1 2 3 4 5
		ANDREW M'KNIGHT, -	1 3
ALEXANDER RITCHIE,			
JOHN PORTEOUS, - -	1 2 3 4 5	JAMES DUGGAN, - -	3 4 5
WILLIAM BARRIE, - -	1 2 3 4 5	JOHN A. DAVIDSON, -	1 2 3
CHARLES FLETCHER, -	1 2 3 4 5	HUGH FRASER, - - -	1 2 3

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. THORNTON, - -	1 2 3 4 5	ROBERT DUNBAR.	
JOHN CASSIE, - - - -			
WILLIAM FRASER, - -	1 2 4	ADAM GOODFELLOW.	
GEORGE LAWRENCE, -	1 2 3 4	HERBERT RENWICK, -	2 3
JOHN JENNINGS, - -	1 2 3 4 5	ROBERT BLYTHE, - -	2 3 5
JOHN MORRISON, - -	2 3 4 5		
JAMES DICK, - - - -	1 2 3 4	THOMAS BEST, - - -	3 4
DAVID COUTTS, - - -	1 2 3 4 5	JAMES YOUNG.	
WALTER SCOTT, - -	1		

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

ANDREW KENNEDY, -	1 2 3 4 5		
WILLIAM TAYLOR, -	2 3 4 5	JAMES ROY, - - - -	2
ALEXANDER LOWDEN.			
WILLIAM AITKIN, - -	2 3 4 5		

I. SEDERUNT.

UNITED SECESSION CHURCH,
HAMILTON, ~~11th June, 1845.~~ 8 24/1846 24.

The Missionary Synod of Canada met agreeably to adjournment, and after Sermon by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, Moderator, from Collos. i. 22, was by him constituted with prayer.

Sederunt. (See Synod Roll for 1846.)

Read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of.

The Presbytery of London reported that the Rev. David Inglis had demitted the charge of the congregation of Detroit; which demission the Presbytery had accepted. **Rev. D. Inglis demitted his charge.**

The Deputies from the United Secession Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Paterson of Kirkwall, the Rev. Mr. Robertson of Portsburgh, Edinburgh, and David Anderson, Esquire, Elder, from Glasgow, being present, were introduced by the Moderator, and severally addressed the Synod. **Deputies from the U. Secession introduced.**

The Deputies were invited to correspond, and they took their seats in Court.

The Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Skinner, and Barrie, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Thornton, Convener. **Committee of Bills and Overtures.**

The Rev. Mr. Fraser was chosen Moderator.

Agreed that the first part of the evening Sederunt be spent in devotional exercises; the Moderator to begin—to be followed by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Christie,—after which, an opportunity be given to the Deputies to state in full, the object of their visit. **Devotional Exercises.**

Appointed the Presbytery of Toronto to meet in this place at half past 5 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at half past 6 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

EODEM DIE ET LOCO, *July* 8th,
6½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Missionary Synod met, and was constituted, by the Rev. William Fraser, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Appointed the Rev. George Murray, Clerk, pro tem. Mr. Proudfoot being indisposed.

Deputies addressed Synod. Being now prepared to hear the Deputies,—the Rev. Messrs. Paterson and Robertson addressed the Synod at length; after whom, David Anderson, Esquire, gave much interesting information respecting the Missionary operations of the Secession Church, and also, some valuable statistical details.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 9th *July*, 1846.

The Missionary Synod met, and was constituted, by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, Moderator, pro tem.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

The following resolution was submitted to, and unanimously adopted by the Synod:

Resolution respecting the Deputation. *Resolved*, That the Synod having heard important and gratifying statements regarding the Parent Church, and the deep interest which she takes in this Synod, do express the high sense which they entertain of the parental regards of the United Secession towards their mission in Canada;—that they are greatly encouraged by the appearance of the Deputation among them, and trust that this event will give an additional impulse to their mission; will be the commencement of a new era in this Church, and be the means of introducing untiring combined efforts in all that concerns the extension of it, and the elevation of its character in this country;—that they assure the Parent Church, through the Deputation, that

they remain the same in doctrine; and that their attachment to the Secession Church is not diminished by their distance from their native land;—that they are determined to abide by the voluntary principle; and, by all prudent methods, to extend its influence among their congregations, in reference to all those operations which belong to a Christian Missionary Church;—and they do now express their sincere gratitude for having deputed the Rev. Messrs. Paterson and Robertson, and David Anderson, Esq., to visit them, regarding this as a token of the Synod's kind regards.

Conversation with the Deputies. Entered into a full and free conversation with the Deputies, regarding the state of the Mission in Canada. The Deputies gave assurances that they would use their best endeavours to procure a supply of preachers; and requested to be furnished with a full and classified statement of the more urgent wants of the Mission.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their Report.

Memorial from the Presbytery of Toronto, respecting Theological Institution. Read a memorial from the Presbytery of Toronto, respecting the Theological Institution. After lengthened conversation, appointed the following a Committee to prepare a draft of a scheme of Theological Education, to be presented at the evening Sederunt; to wit: Mr. Proudfoot, Mr. Thornton, and Mr. Taylor, together with the Deputies from Scotland. Mr. Proudfoot, Convener.

Committee appointed to audit accounts of Synod fund. Appointed Messrs. Jennings and Dick, a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod's grant.

Of Miss. fund. Appointed Messrs. Fletcher and Barrie, a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mission fund.

Both Committees to report at the evening Sederunt.

Appointed the Rev. Mr. Fraser and Robert Christie, Esq., a Committee to divide the donation of books brought by the Deputies.

Adjourned to meet at half-past at 6 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

IV. SEDERUNT.

EODEM DIE ET LOCO, *9th July,*
5½ o'clock, P.M.

The Missionary Synod met, and was constituted, by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, Moderator, *pro tem.*

Read the minutes of last Sederunt.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draft of a scheme of Theological education, gave in the following

REPORT:

Report of committee on Theological Institute.

"According to appointment, the Committee met, in reference to the Theological Institute. *Present*—Messrs. Taylor & Thornton.

"The Committee beg to recommend—

"*1st.* That the object of the new arrangement for the Institute be, to furnish young men desirous of entering into the holy ministry, with a thorough education in Ethics and Theology, and that the power of recommending Candidates for admission, be left in the hands of the Presbyteries: but, that, while the power of so recommending is thus vested, that they be enjoined to take care that satisfactory evidence be given of the piety, talents, and literary acquirements of such candidates.

"2nd. That the following be the course of study through which young men shall be required to pass: to wit, Natural Theology, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Biblical Criticism, and the study of the Greek and Hebrew Languages;—Rhetoric, and Mental and Moral Philosophy, with such kindred branches as may tend to facilitate the grand object in view by the Institute.

"3rd. That in order to carry out this course of education effectually, it is essential, that there be in the meantime, at least, two Professors employed by the Synod; one of whom at least should be without any pastoral charge.

"4th. That in order to secure the requisite means for carrying out this scheme, application be made through the Deputation, to the Synod of the parent Church in Scotland, requesting them to send out some suitably qualified individual of their number, to be associated with our present Professor, and, that, in the meantime, he be dependant on the Parent Church for his salary.

"5th. That the Town of Hamilton be the site of the Institution."

The Synod having heard the Report, and having deliberated—

Resolutions of Synod thereon.

Resolved, 1st. That it is essential that there be another Professor associated with Mr. Proudfoot; and that it is expedient to solicit the kind attention of the parent Church to the subject, and request the appointment of a suitable person to fill this important office.

2d. That as the course consists of the branches of Natural Theology, Doctrinal Theology, Pastoral Theology, Biblical Criticism, and the study of the Greek and Hebrew languages, Rhetoric, Mental and Moral Philosophy: one Professor shall take charge of Doctrinal Theology, Natural and Pastoral Theology and Ecclesiastical History; and the other, of the departments of Biblical Criticism, Greek, Hebrew, Rhetoric, Mental and Moral Philosophy.

3rd. That the course of study consist of four years, and that each year consist of a session at the Hall of ten weeks, commencing on the first day of August in each year; together with exercises and examinations under Committees of Presbytery.

4th. That the Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Taylor, and Christie be appointed a Committee to describe the course of study to be pursued by the Students during the four years of their attendance on the Theological Institute; and that the members of the Deputation be invited to give their assistance to said Committee. Further, that Presbyteries adopt, as far as possible, the present course of inspection now adopted by the Church in Scotland, over their Students during the intervals of study. Said report to be given in to-morrow.

Mr. Skinner dissent.

Mr. Skinner craved that his dissent from the third resolution be entered on the minutes.

Appointed the Flamboro' Presbytery to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock, in this place.

Agreed to take up the subject of Finance, the first thing to-morrow morning.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 10th *July,* 1846.

The Missionary Synod met, and was constituted, by the Rev. David Coutts, Moderator, pro tem.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

No immediate change in the Institution.

In reply to a question by Mr. Proudfoot, whether any immediate change in the Institution is contemplated, it was stated, that, until some action be taken by the Parent Church, the Institution shall be conducted as hitherto.

Mr. Christie's name taken from the visiting committee

At Mr. Christie's request, his name was taken from the Visiting Committee, and Mr. Barrie's substituted in its place.

Mr. Barrie's name substituted.

Appointed Mr. Barrie convener of the Visiting Committee; said Committee to meet in London on the third Wednesday in September, when an inaugural address will be given by the Convener.

Re-appointm t of Committee on Union.

Having heard some account from the committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, on Union, to the effect, that the business is not in such a state as to warrant the presenting of a written report;—re-appointed the Committee, and enjoined them to communicate at an early period with the Convener of the other Committee, and give him an explanation of the cause which prevented the fulfilment of their agreement in May. As the Synod is satisfied with the fidelity of the Committee, and of their earnestness to effect a union without the compromise of any Scriptural principle, they press upon them still to take care, that nothing be done to endanger the voluntary principle, (which the Synod cannot give up) or the purity of Presbyterial order, as maintained in the Secession Church.

Reports of Auditors.

The Committees appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of the Synod's grant, and Mission fund, reported that they had found these accounts correct.

Committee on Missionary correspondence appointed

Appointed Messrs. Proudfoot, T. Christie, Thornton, and Taylor a Mission Committee, through whom all official communications to the Secretary of the Committee on Missions of the United Synod shall be sent. Said Committee shall meet at least once a year, at the annual meeting of the Synod. Mr. Thornton, Convener.

Resolutions respecting— 1st. Surplus of Mission'y fund 2d. Minimum of Stipend.

To account for the large balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Synod's grant, it was stated that if the number of Missionaries expected had arrived, the money would have been all expended. It was then agreed that no more money, for the present, be drawn from said fund. Resolved also, that it is expedient to raise the minimum of a Minister's stipend to £100 c'y. Resolved also, that Presbyteries be enjoined to make out

3. Annual estimates to be made by Presbyteries.

an estimate every year, in the month of May or June, of the sum that will be needed from the Synod's grant, for the aid of the congregations within their bounds,—that this estimate be presented to the Synod, and upon receiving its sanction, the Treasurer of each Presbytery shall be authorised to draw upon the Synod's Treasurer, for the allowed amount.

Committee of Finance appointed.

Appointed the Rev. T. Christie, and James Roy, R. Christie, and Walter Chisholm, Elders, a Committee of Finance, with whom Presbyteries shall communicate on all pecuniary matters in the intervals of Synod. The Rev. T. Christie, Convener.

Mr. Morrison and congregation of Madrid disjoined to Presbytery of Canada East.

The Rev. Mr. Morrison presented a petition, praying the Synod to disjoin him and his congregation in Madrid, from the Presbytery of Toronto, and to add them to the Presbytery of Canada East. Agreed to grant the prayer of said petition, and to disjoin Mr. Morrison and his congregation from the Presbytery of Toronto, and to add them to the Presbytery of Canada East. Likeas the Synod did, and hereby do, disjoin and add in terms aforesaid.

Statement by Presbytery of Canada East, respecting Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Lowden.

It was stated by the Presbytery of Canada East, that Mr. Kennedy purposes to demit the pastoral charge of the congregation in La Chute; and they cordially recommend him to the Presbyteries and Congregations of Canada West. Further, they recommended, that he receive pecuniary assistance in removing his family. Also, that the interests of Messrs. Lowden and Kennedy be attended to as usual, in the distribution of the Synod's grant. Said Presbytery further requested a supply of preachers for their vacancies.

Depot for Mission publications.

Agreed that there be a depot at Montreal, for such publications as may be sent from Scotland for the Mission, or ordered for it; and that branches be formed throughout the country, in localities approved by Presbyteries. Appointed Mr. James Roy in Montreal, Depositary.

Memorial from Mr. M'Fadyen

Read a memorial respecting a report circulated concerning Mr. McFadyen, to the effect that he had drawn on the Synod's fund for £50, while he was at the same time receiving a stipend of £50 from the congregation in Rochester, for the same six months. The Synod know well, and hereby certify, that Mr. McFadyen drew no such sum, and that no money was paid to him out of the Synod fund to warrant the report. The Clerk was en-

Deliverance thereon.

joined to transcribe the above minute, and transmit to Mr. McFadyen.

Thanks to Mr. Jennings anent Library.

The Synod resolved, that the thanks of the Court are due to Mr. Jennings, for his zeal and diligence in procuring a valuable collection of books for the Theological Institute, on his recent visit to Scotland. And also, that the Synod's thanks are due to the individual donors.

Bal. against Magazine.

Mr. Robert Christie having stated, that there exists a balance of loan on the Synod's late Magazine—the Synod agreed that the said balance be paid by the Treasurer out of the Mission fund.

Dr. Heugh's death recorded

The attention of the Synod was called to the death of the late Rev. Dr. Heugh of Glasgow, tidings of which had been just received. Some extracts from a private letter were read, containing some of his death-bed sayings.—Whereupon the Synod agreed unanimously to place upon record, an expression of their deep sense of the loss which our Church has sustained in the removal from among them of one, who, in respect of his great attainments; his humble unfeigned piety; his unwearied labours; and his extensive usefulness as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, has had few equals. They look back on the course through which he has passed, in his endeavours to build up the United Secession Church, to maintain the purity of Scripture truth, and promote peace and unity amongst Christians, and awaken the missionary zeal of the Church, with admiration of his character, and with gratitude to God for the grace which enabled him to shine as clearly as a light in the world. This Synod begs to express their sympathy with his bereaved family and congregation, and their grateful sense of the deep and effectual interest which he took, especially in the Mission to Canada.

It was agreed that the above minute be transcribed by Mr. Murray, Clerk, p. t., and transmitted to the Clerk of the Glasgow Presbytery.

Minutes to be printed.

Agreed that the minutes of this meeting be immediately printed, and copies of them handed to the Deputies before they leave the country.

Resolved, That the Preachers presently in the field, shall be six weeks in each of the Presbyteries in Canada

West, and when others arrive, that the Presbytery of Canada East shall have their share.

Next meeting.

Agreed that next meeting of Synod be held at Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 18th November next.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

DAVID COUTTS, *Mod., pro tem.*

GEORGE MURRAY, *Clerk, pro tem.*

MISSION FUND.

Charge against the Treasurer.

		£	s.	d.
1845.	Balance brought forward, - -	51	9	1
July 30	Collection made at St. George, - -	1	17	4
	Eramosa, Rev. William Barrie, - -	0	10	7½
Dec'r 2	St. George Missionary Society, Western Dist.	1	7	6
18	Madrid, per Rev. Mr. Morrison, - -	2	15	0
1846.				
Jan'y 27	Nichol Missionary Society, - - -	1	16	3
	Eramosa, per Rev. William Barrie, -	2	7	6
	St. George Missionary Society, Southern Dist.	4	5	9
	Do. do. do. Eastern Dist.	0	12	6
	Collection at Presbyterial Visitation, St. George	1	0	5
March 6	Congregation, Flamboro' West, - -	8	17	7½
May 5	Eramosa, per Rev. Wm. Barrie, - -	5	10	0
July 7	Goderich, for 1845, - - - -	4	10	0
7	Tuckersmith, for 1845, - - - -	1	5	0
7	Stanley, for 1845, - - - -	0	15	0
7	London, for 1846, - - - -	1	15	9
7	Goderich, for 1846, - - - -	5	0	0
7	Mount Pleasant, - - - - -	1	15	0
7	Paris, - - - - - -	1	11	6½
7	English Settlement, - - - -	5	7	10½
7	Blenheim, - - - - - -	2	13	0
9	Emily, per Rev. James Dick, - - -	2	16	10½
9	Mackillop, per Rev. Mr. M'Kenzie, -	2	8	8
9	Chinguacousy, per Rev. David Coutts, -	1	0	3½
9	Albion, do. do. -	1	0	1½
9	Vaughan, do. do. -	0	11	9
		115	0	5½

Discharge.

		£	s.	d.
1845.				
Oct'r 1	Paid the Rev. Wm. Proudfoot, one Quarter's Salary as Professor, - - - -	17	10	0
Dec'r 10	Paid the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, for Visiting Stations on Grand River, - - - -	0	15	0
1846.				
Feb'y 10	Paid the Rev. Wm. Proudfoot one Quarter's Salary as Professor, - - - -	17	10	0
10	Paid Rev. Charles Fletcher expenses in visiting Cayuga, - - - - - -	0	7	6
March 19	Paid Rev. John Porteous expenses in visiting Cayuga, - - - - - -	0	7	6
May 6	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot one Quarter's Salary as Professor, - - - - -	17	10	0
6	Paid Rev. Mr. Ritchie, for Hamilton, -	0	5	0
6	Paid Rev. Mr. Barrie expenses to Chippewa,	2	0	0
	Paid Rev. Mr. Christie do. do.	1	10	7½
	Paid Rev. John Porteous expenses to Cayuga,	0	7	6
July 7	Paid Rev. David Caw, for Missionary service rendered to the Congregation of Hamilton,	0	10	0
9	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot one Quarter's Salary as Professor, - - - - -	17	10	0
9	Paid Mr. Torrance, for preaching at Hamilton and Cayuga, - - - - -	1	10	0
9	Paid Dr. Ferrie, for preaching at different stations, - - - - - -	5	0	0
	Balance due by the Treasurer, - -	32	7	4
		115	0	5½

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to audit the Treasurer's Acounts, have examined the same, and find them to be correct, and that there is a balance due by the Treasurer of £32 7s. 4d. } WILLIAM BARRIE, CHARLES FLETCHER.

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WILLIAM PROUDFOOOT, (*Clerk*)	1, 2, 3, London, C. W.	
GEORGE MURRAY, - - - -	2, 3, Princeton, C. W.	
JAMES SKINNER, (*Treasurer,*)	1, 2, 3, London, C. W.	
ALEXANDER M'KENZIE, - - - -	McKillop, C. W.	
JAMES M'FADYEN, - - - - - -	Chatham, C. W.	

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

THOS. CHRISTIE, (*Treas.*)	1, 2, 3, Flamboro', C. W.	
JAMES ROY, (*Clerk.*) -	1, 2, 3, St. George, C. W.	R. CHRISTIE, (*St. George*) 1, 2, 3,
ALEXANDER RITCHIE,	- - Ayr, C. W.	D. CHRISTIE, (*Brantford*) 1, 2, 3,
JOHN PORTEOUS, -	1, 2, 3, St. Catharines,	W. LAWSON, (*Hamilton,*) 2, 3,
WILLIAM BARRIE, -	1, 2, 3, Eramosa, C. W.	
CHARLES FLETCHER,	1, 2, 3, Chippawa, C. W.	
ROBERT TORRANCE, -	1, 2, Guelph, C. W.,	A. COLVIN, (*Paris.*) - 1, 2, 3,
DAVID CAW, - -	1, 2, 3. Paris, C. W.	A. M'NAUGHTON (*Esquesing*) 1, 2, 3,

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. THORNTON, - -	1, 2, 3, Oshawa, C. W.
JOHN CASSIE, - - - - - -	Port Hope, C. W.
WILLIAM FRASER, - - - - -	Bond Head, C. W.
GEORGE LAWRENCE, - - -	Clarke, C. W.
JOHN JENNINGS, (*Clerk*)	2, 3, Toronto, C. W.
JAMES DICK, - - - - - -	Emily, C. W.
DAVID COUTTS, - - - -	2, 3, Stanley Mills, Chinguacousy, C. W.
WALTER SCOTT, - - - - -	Richmond Hill, C. W.

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, - - - - -	Montreal, C. E.
ANDREW KENNEDY, - - - -	La Chute, C. E.
ALEX'R LOWDEN, (*Clerk.*) - -	New Glasgow, C. E.
WILLIAM AITKIN, - - - - -	Smith's Falls.
JOHN MORRISON, - - - - -	Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., New York.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

UNITED ASSOCIATE SYNOD IN SCOTLAND.

HAMILTON, 18th Nov. 1846.

I. SEDERUNT.

The Missionary Synod of Canada met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. H. Thornton, Moderator, p. t.

Sederunt. (See Roll of Synod.)

Read the Minutes of last meeting of Synod.

It was reported by the Presbytery of Flamboro' that Mr. Robert Torrance was by them ordained pastor of the Congregation in Guelph, on the 11th cur't. And by the Presbytery of London, that the Rev'd David Caw was installed by them, into the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Paris on the 23d July. Their names were then added to the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Torrance and the Rev. D. Caw added to the Roll of Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner was chosen Moderator and took the Chair.

Rever'nd Mr. Skinner, Moderator.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Porteous and Fletcher, a Committee on Bills and Overtures, to meet immediately and report.

Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Appointed the Presbytery of London to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery of London to meet.

Resolved, that the Synod Sermon be hereafter preached on the evening of the day before that on which the Synod shall meet for business.

Synod Sermon.

Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported:

1. Overture by Mr. Fletcher, that the state of the Funds be taken into consideration; Also, the following Overtures by the Presbytery of London.

2. Anent pecuniary aid to Students at the Theological Institution.

3. Anent collections for the Schemes of the Synod.

4. Anent the mode of distributing the Annual Grant of the United Associate Synod.

5. Anent the distribution of Preachers.

6. Overture by Mr. Proudfoot, that the Synod take into consideration the state of the Mission.

State of the Funds..

Entered upon the Overture that the state of the Funds be considered. Appointed Messrs. Caw and Torrance, a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to report at next Sederunt.

Of Pecuniary aid to Students

Took up the Overture anent granting pecuniary aid to Students attending the Theological Institution. *Resolved*; That it is not expedient to make any rule on the subject further than that special cases be judged of by themselves.

Overture anent Collections for the Synod's Schemes.

Entered upon the Overture anent collections for the Schemes of the Synod, of the following tenor:

"Whereas it is of essential importance to the efficiency of the Synod's plans for the prosperity of the Mission, that the necessary collections be regularly made by the Congregations.

The Synod is hereby overtured by the Presbytery of London, to enact as follows:

1. That the schemes for which Collections are required be specified.

2. That the Synod fix the time when a collection for each scheme is to be made.

3. That Treasurers of Congregations be required to transmit to the Treasurers of their respective Presbyteries, the collection for each scheme, within two weeks after it has been made; and that within two weeks after the Treasurers of Presbyteries shall have received said collection, they shall transmit it to the Synod Treasurer.

4. That no Congregation receive any aid from the Synod's Funds unless these collections be regularly made."

Adopted.

Synod Resolved and enacted in terms of the above Overture; and appointed Messrs. Thornton and

Christie a Committee to arrange the times when said collections are to be made. Committee to report at the evening Sederunt.

Adjourned to meet in this place at half-past five o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

Half-past 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. James Skinner, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of the forenoon Sederunt.

Report of Committee on Collections.

The Committee appointed to arrange the time for collections for the Synod's schemes reported as follows:

"The Committee upon the subject of collections for the Synod's schemes beg to suggest, that the months of January, April and October, be the months within which Congregations shall make said collections; and that the following are the present schemes of the Synod, and the order in which collections are to be made for them.

1. Mission fund. Collection to be made in January.

2. Synod and Presbytery fund. Collection to be made in April.

3. Theological education fund. Collection to be made in October."

Adopted.

The Synod adopted the foregoing report, and resolved in terms thereof.

Committee on Bills and Overtures farther reported.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures farther reported:

"1. An Overture by the Rev. Chas. Fletcher anent Presbyterial visitations.

2. Extracts from the Minutes of the Congregations of St. Catharines and Chippawa.

3. A petition from the Congregation of St. Catharines.

4. Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro' respecting the appointing to said Presbytery a preacher for Buffalo."

Overture anent the distribution of U. A. Synod's Grant.

Entered upon the consideration of the Overture anent the appropriation of the United Associate Synod's Annual Grant.

Said Overture, (omitting the preamble) is of the following tenor:

"1. That a Committee be appointed to which all applications for aid from said grant shall be made.

2. That applying Congregations shall send their petitions with all necessary documents and vouchers to their respective Presbyteries by whom they shall be examined, and certified, and transmitted to the Committee.

3. That appropriations be made from said fund only in the months of January and July in each year,

4. That said Committee shall report their proceedings to every meeting of Synod.

5. That the Clerk of said Committee shall preserve all petitions and documents, together with all certificates by Presbyteries carefully filed."

Repealed act 5 Sess. 5 Sed.

Synod resolved, 1st to repeal that part of the act of the 5th Sederunt of the 5th Session, which enacts, "that Presbyteries be enjoined to make out an estimate every year, in the month of May or June, of the sum that will be needed from the Synod's grant, for the aid of the Congregations within their bounds,—that this estimate be presented to the Synod, and upon receiving its sanction, the Treasurer of each Presbytery shall be authorized to draw upon the Synod's Treasurer, for the allowed amount." 2. That the mode of distribution detailed in the Overture be adopted. 3. That the existing Committee be hereby re-appointed.

Overture adopted.

Overture anent the distribution of preachers.

Synod entered upon the Overture anent the distribution of Preachers. Of which Overture the following is the tenor:

"Whereas in the 5th Sederunt of the 5th Session of Synod, it was enacted, that, 'the Preachers presently in the field, shall be six weeks in each of the Presbyteries in Canada West, and when others arrive, that the Presbytery of Canada East shall have its share.'

And whereas in the second Sederunt of the third Session of Synod it was enacted that, the Preacher who shall first arrive from Scotland, shall be one month in Toronto Presbytery; then six weeks in Flamboro' Presbytery; and then two months in London Presbytery; and that the above shall be the routine and time of labour for whatever preacher may arrive.

And whereas the procedure of Synod in said enactment of the 5th Session is objectionable on the following grounds, 1st, That in passing said enactment no reference was made to the Act of the 3d Session, said act of the 3d Session is therefore unrepealed, and hence there is contradiction in the Acts of Synod. 2nd. That the motion on which the Act of the 5th Session was founded, had not previously been submitted to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and was therefore irregular and unbusiness like. Besides, no reason was assigned why said enactment should be made. 3d. That the Act of the 5th Session is unjust in principle, inasmuch as it assigns an equal amount of preachers' labour to the several Presbyteries, without reference to the vacancies which said Presbyteries may have, or their means of profitably employing the preachers,—and did, in fact, assign to the Presbyteries of Canada East with one vacancy, and Toronto, with two vacancies, the same amount of supply as it assigned to the Presbyteries of Flamboro' and London with six vacancies each.

The Synod is therefore, hereby Overtured to repeal both said enactments, and to pass an Act to distribute the supply of preachers to each Presbytery, in proportion to the application it may make, on the same principle as is acted upon by the United Associate Synod in Scotland."

Overture agreed to.

Synod repealed the aforesaid Acts of the 3d and 5th Sessions; and resolved to distribute the Preachers in terms of the Overture.

Request of the Pb'y of Flamboro' repesecting Buffalo.

Took up the reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro', which is of the following tenor:

"The Presbytery of Flamboro' agreed to request the Synod that as soon as three Preachers shall have come out, that the Presbytery be allowed to appoint one from the list of Preachers, for three months to Buffalo."

Granted.

The Synod agreed to grant a preacher to the Presbytery of Flamboro', for three months, for Buffalo; but that said grant shall not take effect till *four* preachers shall have arrived.

Overture anent Presbyterial visitations.

Entered upon the consideration of the Overture by Mr. Fletcher respecting Presbyterial visitations. The Synod did not think that any new enactment is necessary; and agreed to enjoin upon the Presbyteries a punctual observance of the standing regulations respecting the visitation of Congregations by Presbyteries.

Report of the Committee on Union.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Union, when a verbal account was given of the proceedings of the Committee from the beginning. Statements of the views held by the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod, and by the Committee of this Synod, on the points which had been the subjects of conversation between them, were read. The points were the following. 1st, Definition of Christ's Headship over the nations, as distinguished from his Headship over the Church. 2d, The province of the Civil Magistrate. 3d, Whether a national recognition of the Headship of Christ over the nations be a duty? and if so, in what form is it to be made? 4, Duties of the Civil Magistrate. (1). As to the Recognition of the authority of Revelation, and its application to his peculiar duties. (2). As to the suppression of sins against the first table of the moral law, especially against the law of the Sabbath. (3). As to the education of the young. (4). As to the promotion of religion among the people, and especially as to the application of any portion of the public funds for the advancement of religion, or in the endowment of the Church. (5). Sense in which certain statements in the Westminster Confession are understood, viz: Chap. x. sec. 4; Chap. xxiii. sec. 3; Chap. xxxi. sec. 2. (6). Views respecting existing establishments. (7.) Relations of the Synods, severally, to other Churches.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at half an hour past nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 19th July, half-past 9 o'clock, A. M

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. J. Skinner, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunts.

Resolution of Synod on Report of Committee on Union.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on union; and after deliberation, Resolved, That the Synod express its very high approbation of the conduct of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod on Union,—most cordially approve of the paper read to the Synod last night, and given to the Presbyterian Synod, as embodying the sentiments of this Synod on all the points discussed in that paper —tender to them the Synod's most cordial thanks for the faithfulness and ability with which they have fulfilled the trust committed to them,—and that they be requested to continue their labours.

Mr. Jennings dissents.

Against this Mr. Jennings dissented on the ground that the Committee had urged their views on voluntaryism as opposed to establishments, farther than the Standards of the Church warranted, and the sentiments on the subject in the Testimony which are really avowed and held in our Church.

Messrs Barrie, and Fletcher to answer these reasons

Synod appointed Messrs. Barrie and Fletcher, to answer these reasons. Answers to be given in at next meeting of Synod.

Act, appointing a Committee of correspondence repealed.

Synod agreed unanimously to repeal the act of last meeting of Synod, 5th Sederunt, appointing a Committee of correspondence; being satisfied that correspondence with the Mission Committee of the U. A. Synod should be conducted as heretofore.

Congregation in Paris disjoined from the Presb'y of London to the Presbytery of Flamboro.

Received and read a petition from the session of the congregation in Paris, transmitted through the Presbytery of London, praying that said Congregation be disjoined from the Presbytery of London, to the Presbytery of Flamboro'. Mr. Caw concurred with the Petitioners. Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and disjoined accordingly.

Mr. Jennings dissented.

From this decision Mr. Jennings dissented on the ground that sufficient help has not been given to the Presbytery of London.

Report of the Committee to apply for a second Professor.

The Committee appointed to draw up a petition to the United Associate Synod in Scotland, to send out a suitable person to act as second Professor; reported: that they had written in terms of their appointment. They read a letter received from the Rev. Mr. Somerville, purporting that the Mission Committee had laid the petition before the U. A. Synod, and that the Synod had appointed the Rev. James Robertson to that office with a suitable salary.

Whereupon it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod give their cordial thanks to the U. A. Synod for the deep interest which they take in the welfare of the Canadian Mission,—for the readiness with which they have responded to the wish of this Synod in the appointing of a second Professor,—and that they will cordially welcome Mr. Robertson amongst them, to take part in this ministry.

French Canadian Society.

Mr. Thornton read a communication from the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Montreal, containing statements regarding the French Canadian Society, and urging the Synod to aid said Society by collections. The Synod taking a deep interest in the objects of that Society, recommend collections to be made in aid of it, by the Congregations under their inspection, on as early a day as convenient.

MrChristie authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the U. A. Synod

Synod authorized the Rev. Mr. Christie to draw upon the Treasurer of the U. A. Synod, for what money may be required to meet present claims.

Treasurer's accounts audited.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported, that they had examined them, and found them orderly and correctly kept.

Committee to make out the Preachers' appointments.

Appointed Messrs. Roy, Murray and Coutts, a Committee, to make out the preachers' appointments;—to meet forthwith and report.

Next meeting.

Appointed the next meeting of Synod to be held in Hamilton, on the 14th of July next.

Supply of Preachers to the Presbyteries.

The Committee on the distribution of Preachers, reported, that supply of sermon be granted to Toronto Presbytery for two Sabbaths; to Flamboro' Presbytery for six, and to London Presbytery for six.

Mr. McLellan appointed to the London Presbytery.

Appointed the Rev'd Mr. McLellan to the Presbytery of London for eight Sabbaths. His appointment to commence on the 29th current.

Petition to the House of Assembly against the Marriage License Law.

Mr. Jennings presented a draft of a petition to the House of Assembly, against the Marriage Licence Law, by which all ministers except those of the Church of Rome and the Church of England, have to obtain a license from the Justices of the court of Quarter Sessions, before they can duly celebrate matrimony. The Synod unanimously approved of said Petition, and appointed the Moderator and Clerk to sign it, and transmit it to the House of Assembly.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

WM. PROUDFOOT, *Synod Clerk.*

MISSION FUND.

Charge against the Treasurer.

			£	s.	d.
1846. July	9	Balance of last Account,	32	7	4
1847. Jan'y	6	Rec'd from Flamboro' and Beverly Missionary Society,	10	7	1
Feb'y	19	Rec'd from Brantford Congregation,	6	5	0
	19	" West Dumfries, do.	5	0	0
	20	" Toronto do.	5	0	0
March	10	" Eramosa, do. for Mission and Synod fund,	6	13	1½
	10	" Beverly, do.	2	1	3
June	12	" Guelph, do.	2	0	0
	14	" Nichol, do.	3	5	0
July	14	" St. Catharines, do.	2	1	0
	14	" Esquesing, do.	0	11	0
	14	" St. George, do.	5	4	1
	14	" Richmond Hill, do.	5	0	0
	14	" Emily, do.	3	0	0
	15	" Paris. do.	2	0	7
	15	" Essa, do.	1	5	0
	15	" West Gwillimbury do.	1	1	2½
	15	" Tecumseth, do.	1	5	5
	15	" London, do.	7	0	9½
	15	" McKillop, do.	3	10	0
	15	" Stanley. do.	1	2	6
	15	" Blenheim, do.	1	10	0
	15	" English Settlem't do.	1	15	0
	15	" Bethel, do.	1	5	0
	15	" Blenheim, for Synod fund,	0	10	0
	15	" English Settlement, do.	0	15	0
	15	" Bethel, for do.	0	10	0
	15	" London, for do.	0	17	6
	15	" Do. for do.	1	14	7½
	15	" English Settlement, do.	1	15	0
	15	" Bethel, for do.	1	0	0
			£117	12	6½
		Balance due brought down,	22	6	6½

Discharge.

			£	s.	d.
1846. July	10	Paid Rev. Wm. Proudfoot Salary as Synod Clerk to January last,	5	0	0
	10	Also, as charge for postage,	1	5	0
Sept.	26	Paid Rev. Wm. Proudfoot one quarter's salary as Professor,	17	10	0
Oct.	6	Paid printing Minutes of Synod for 1845-6,	6	15	0
	26	Paid Mr. Torrance for Hamilton,	0	10	0
1847. Jan'y	5	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot one quarter's salary as Professor,	17	10	0
Mar.	29	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot one quarter's do.	15	0	0
	29	Paid Rev. Mr. Fletcher for two Sabbaths at Hamilton,	0	10	0
July	15	Paid Rev. Chas. Fletcher for one Sabbath at St. Catharines,	1	5	0
	15	Rent of Class Room for Academy,	1	0	0
	15	2 cords of Wood, for do.	0	11	0
	15	Book-press, with doors and lock,	2	0	0
	15	Books—Reid's Active Powers,	0	15	0
	15	2 copies Whately's Rhetoric,	0	10	0
	15	Jameson's Rhetoric,	0	5	0
	15	Blair's do.	0	10	0
	15	Hebrew Lexicon,	0	12	6
	15	Reid's Intellectual Powers,	0	15	0
	15	Campbell's Lectures,	0	7	6
	15	Printing 50 copies Abstract of Minutes,	0	15	0
	15	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot one Quarter's Salary as Professor,	15	0	0
	15	Paid Rev. Mr. Proudfoot as Synod Clerk,	5	0	0
	15	Postages,	1	0	0
		Class Rooms,	1	0	0
		Balance due by the Treasurer,	22	6	6½
			£117	12	6½

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, and find them to be correct; and that there is a balance due by the Treasurer of £22 6s. 6½d., Currency.

(Signed) JOHN N PORTEOUS, Minister.
WILLIAM DUNBAR, Elder.

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CANADA, AND TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, FOR JULY, 1847.

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

(The figures mark the Sederunts at which the Members were present.)

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	*Sederunts.*	*Elders.*	*Sederunts.*
WILLIAM PROUDFOOT,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	GEORGE MURRAY,	
GEORGE MURRAY,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ROBERT RICHARDSON,	
JAMES SKINNER,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES FRASER, JOHN HEDLY,	
ALEX'R. McKENZIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,		
JOHN McLELLAN,		WILLIAM McGREGOR, (Blanchard.) JAMES THOMPSON, (Adelaide.)	

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

THOMAS CHRISTIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES GREY,	1, 2,
JAMES ROY,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ROBERT CHRISTIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
ALEX'R. RITCHIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	CAMERON ANDERSON,	1, 2, 3,
JOHN PORTEOUS,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JOHN LOWRIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
WILLIAM BARRIE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,	
ROBERT TORRANCE,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES ARMSTRONG,	
DAVID CAW,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5,	JOHN SMITH,	
		DAVID CHRISTIE, Brantford,	1,
		WM. LAWSON, Hamilton,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
		AND'W McKNIGHT, Beverly,	1, 2,

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. THORNTON,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	WILLIAM DUNBAR,	2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
JOHN CASSIE,	2, 3, 4, 5, 6,		
WILLIAM FRASER,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ADAM GOODFELLOW,	
GEORGE LAWRENCE,		JOHN SHORT,	
JOHN JENNINGS,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JOHN MIDDLEMAS,	2,
JAMES DICK,	1, 2, 3,	THOMAS BEST,	
DAVID COUTTS,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES YOUNG,	
WALTER SCOTT,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	HENRY STEWART,	

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
ANDREW KENNEDY,
ALEXANDER LOWDEN,
WILLIAM AITKIN,
JOHN MORRISON.